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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Chair House Committee on Appropriations H-307 The Capitol Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro,

I write to urge that the House Committee on Appropriations award Community Project Funding for the Creative Village-Affordable Housing and Studio Complex for Artists project in fiscal year 2022. The entity to receive funding for this project is City of Decatur, Georgia, located at 509 N. McDonough Street, Decatur, GA 30030.

The Creative Village Project includes the adaptive reuse of four, former group homes to provide affordable housing and studio space for local artists. The four buildings range in size from 4,300 sf to 5,000 sf providing 14,000 sf of combined space for use as apartments and studios for qualified artists. Affordable housing is a critical and urgent need in the City of Decatur. This project will provide much needed affordable housing in a short amount of time and will also provide workspace for artists. The project supports two important community goals of affordable housing and creative arts. I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. Sincerely,

Henry C. "Hank" Johnson, Jr.

Member of Congress